opened to traffic; the total expenditure during 1894-95 amounting to Rs. 6,691. This road will facilitate the timber traffic from the Dángs. The survey of a road from Warsa to Waghai is also in progress, and Rs. 203 were spent up to the end of the year. The Divisional Forest Officer, East Khándesh, spent Rs. 141 in improving cart-tracks with a view to make the coupes of the year accessible to heavy loaded carts; and the Divisional Forest Officer, West Khándesh, spent Rs. 35 in repairing the Kalambari forest road in the Pimpalner range in order that intending purchasers of departmentally cut teak might be able to remove their material more easily.

No new roads were undertaken by the Public Works Department in the Násik division, but the Divisional Forest Officer reports that a correspondence is going on between the Collector and the Public Works Department to continue the Nanási Barhe road to the Dharampor frontier, with a fork to the Surgána State, to connect Peint directly with Nanáshi; and to construct a road through the Kalvan Táluka to Hátgad tapping the western forests in that táluka. All these proposed roads will benefit forests directly and indirectly.

The two roads referred to last year in the Ahmednagar division, *viz.*, from Jámgaon to Kotul and from Randhá to Sámrad, were in progress during the year and have been practically completed, the expenditure during 1894-95 amounting to Rs. 815 and Rs. 1,470 respectively, and the total expenditure up to the end of the year amounting to Rs. 28,695 and Rs. 30,133.

In the divisions of Poona, Sátára and Sholápur no new roads which will serve for the exploitation of timber from forests have been constructed by the Public Works Department.

(*2*).—*Buildings.*

48. The following works were undertaken by the Public Works Department for the Forest Department at the cost of the Provincial Services Budget:—

In the Khándesh Collectorate—

(*a*). The Forest Depôt at Kondai-bári which was partially built last year has been completed; the expenditure amounting to Rs. 301.

(*b*). Forest Depôts at Chopda and Ádávad are under construction; the expenditure amounting to Rs. 1,110 and Rs. 697 respectively.

(*c*). A seed room in the Range Forest Office at Chálisgaon is being built; the expenditure amounting to Rs. 31.

In the Násik division a room was added to the Divisional Forest Officer's office at Násik at a cost of Rs. 965 against an estimate of Rs. 986: and the following projects are being prepared:—

(1). Forest Depôt at Chinchvad in Peint Range.

(2). Providing a record-stand in the Range Forest Office at Dindori.

(3). Making additions and alterations to do. do.

No buildings were undertaken in the divisions of Ahmednagar, Poona and Sholápur; but the following works were undertaken and completed in the Sátára division.—

(1). An office for the Range Forest Officer at Pátan at an expenditure of Rs. 1,942 against an estimate of Rs. 1,947.

(2). Hirda Depôt at Helwak which was under construction last year was completed at a cost of Rs. 1,596.

In addition to the above the following works were undertaken by the Public Works Department under the sanction given by the Conservator of Forests from the discretionary grant placed at his disposal by Government, from 1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895:—

Number.	Executive Officer.	Nature and locality of Work.	Amount sanctioned.
			Rs.
1	Executive Engineer, Khándesh ...	For providing concrete floor to the Range Forest Officer's room in the Mámlatdár's Kacheri at Taloda.	25
2	Do. do ...	For providing teak-wood bonnets to the windows of the Range Forest Office, Ráver.	16
3	Do. do. ...	For providing a pit for the treasure chest in the Forest Depôt at Chopda.	75
4	Do. do. ...	For providing a seed room in the Range Forest Office at Bhadgaon.	314
5	Do. do. ...	For providing a seed room in the Range Forest Office at Bhusával.	311
6	Do. Poona ...	For making certain improvements to the Forest Ranger's Office at Khed.	120
7	Do. do. ...	For making certain improvements to the Forest Ranger's Office at Sirúr.	123
8	Do. Sátára ...	For providing a ceiling to the Range Forest Office at Tásgaon.	23
9	Do. do. ...	For making certain additions to the Forest Hirda depôt at Mahábaleshvar.	138
10	Do. do. ...	For erecting a sunshade over window in the new Range Forest Office at Vaduj.	9
11	Do. do. ...	For reconstructing the stables of the Forest Station at Málcolmpeth.	210
12	Do. Sholápur ...	For providing a wooden railing to the verandah of forest room in the Mámlatdár's kacheri at Sholápur.	59
13	Do. do. ...	For providing wooden shutters to the windows of the Range Forest Office at Pandharpur.	10
14	Do. do. ...	For constructing wells for seeds in the Range Forest Offices at Sholápur and Pandharpur.	205
15	Do. do. ...	For constructing wells for seeds in the Range Forest Office at Sángola.	110
16	Do. do. ...	For paving the Forest Office rooms at Sholápur.	185
		Total ...	1,933

49. And the following works were undertaken at the cost of Forest Budget by the Divisional Forest Officers:—

In the East Khándesh division the construction of a Forest Rest-House at Vaizapur on the Auer in the Chopda Sátpudás was commenced, but the building was not completed at the close of the year owing to the great difficulty of obtaining skilled labourers and artisans to come and work in these wild tracts: Rs. 1,574 were however expended out of the estimate of Rs. 1,990. This rest-house is the first of a series to be built in the Sátpudás from Pál to Chopda to facilitate touring and inspection of forests in the wild mountainous region forming the northern frontier of Khándesh. 11 Forest guards' huts were built at a cost of Rs. 193, and an expenditure of Rs. 131 was incurred in repairing the existing huts and depôt-houses; the total expenditure under A VII*b* "Buildings" amounting to Rs. 1,898.

In the West Khándesh division an office and record rooms were built in the compound of the Dhulia Depôt for the use of the Range Forest Officer at a cost of Rs. 457, and repairs to 53 Forest guards' huts and 10 forest depôt-houses throughout the division cost Rs. 443; while the double-tiling to the roof and other repairs to the Laling Rest-House cost Rs. 123.

In the Násik division no new work was undertaken except three Forest guards' huts, one in Niphád, one in Kalvan and one in Nándgaon range, at a cost of Rs. 5 each, and 15 existing huts were repaired at an expenditure of Rs. 31.

In the divisions of Ahmednagar and Sholápur no expenditure was incurred on either buildings or repairs : and in the Poona and Sátára divisions Rs. 14 and Rs. 94 were spent on repairs to existing Forest guards' huts, &c.

50. The following statement exhibits the amounts charged to forests on account of the expenditure incurred by the several Divisional Forest Officers in the Central Circle in the construction of new roads and buildings and repairs to existing ones :—

Number.	Division.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs.	
1	East Khándesh	2,039	
2	West Khándesh	1,058	
3	Násik	46	
4	Ahmednagar	...	
5	Poona	14	
6	Sátára	94	
7	Sholápur	...	
	Total ...	3,251	

(*b*).—Protection of Forests from Injury.

(*1*).—*General Protection and Breaches of Forest Law.*

51. The prosecutions of forest offences instituted during the year numbered 1,972 against 1,658 of the year before. 1,716 cases involving 4,381 persons were disposed of, and 256 cases were pending at the close of the year. Convictions were obtained in 1,375 cases leading to the punishment of 3,359 persons, and 1,022 accused were acquitted in 341 cases which failed.

52. A comparative statement of the prosecutions of the year and of its predecessor gives the following information :—

No.	Division.	1893-94.		1894-95.		Percentage of Failures.	
		Prosecutions.	Acquittals.	Prosecutions.	Acquittals.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	East Khándesh	62	8	150	26	12·9	17·3
2	West Khándesh	78	3	88	5	3·8	5·6
3	Násik	87	28	62	16	32·2	25·8
4	Ahmednagar	219	43	272	55	19·6	20·2
5	Poona	492	131	302	109	26·6	36·0
6	Sátára	441	56	767	109	12·6	14·2
7	Sholápur	58	26	75	21	44·8	28·0
	Total ...	1,437	295	1,716	341	20·5	19·8

A classification of the prosecuted cases evolves the following :—

No.	Division.	Offences relating to the misappropriation of				Total.
		(*a*) Timber.	(*b*) Firewood.	(*c*) Other minor produce.	(*d*) Other offences.	
1	East Khándesh	6	44	...	100	150
2	West Khándesh	34	16	4	34	88
3	Násik	6	21	...	35	62
4	Ahmednagar	2	15	37	218	272
5	Poona	21	26	14	241	302
6	Sátára	75	128	11	553	767
7	Sholápur	...	25	...	50	75
	Total ...	144	275	66	1,231	1,716